(b) if so, the basic theme of this Film Festival and the countries which participated therein; and

(c) the main objectives of the festival and how far the same were achieved?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ninth European Union Film Festival was held in New Delhi from 5—12 March, 2002 and subsequently in Chennai and Kolkata.

(b) There was no specific theme for the festival. Fifteen European countries namely, Spain, Denmark, Greece, Italy, Ireland, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, United Kingdom, Austria, Germany, Finland, Portugal, France, Sweden and Belgium participated in the Festival.

(c) The main obejctive of the festival was to promote cultural interaction between the people of the European Union Member States and the people of India through the medium of cinema. The response to the festival from the viewing public was very enthusiastic. As such, the festival was successful.

Backlog of vacancies in the Indian Broadcasting Engineering Service Cadre

3566. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a backlog for ST and other reserved categories in the senior time scale of Indian Broadcasting Engineering Service Cadre despite the availability of enormous number of eligible officers to be promoted from junior time scale to senior time scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Promotions to the Senior Time Scale of Indian Broadcasting (Engineers) Service could not be made as the seniority list of the feeder grade of Junior Time Scale of the service was quashed by Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Principal Bench New Delhi *vide* its orders dated 10.2.2000. The orders of the CAT have since been challenged in the Delhi High Court. A fresh seniority list has, however, been prepared on 10.4.2002 to consider promotions against all the vacant posts, including posts for reserved categories.